Shops and 75 Kerosene Depots came to the notice of their Food Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department during the last six months.

(b) FIRs have been lodged against 26 Fair Price Shops and 8 Kerosenes Oil Licencees during this period. Department action is being initiated against 232 Fair Price Shops and 67 Kerosene Oil Licensees.

(c) The U.T. Administration maintains a strict watch on the functioning of Fair Price Shops and Kerosenes Depots Surprise checkings/raids are conducted on the basis of intelligence gathered and on complaints received. A Control Room has been set up for receiving complaints from the public. Criminal/Departmental proceedings are launched against defaulters.

[*English*]

Potato Storage Unit at Hassan, Karnataka

1346. SHRI G. MADEGOWDA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a potato storage unit at Hassan in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount proposed to related during 1992-93 there for; and

(d) the capacity of the proposed storage unit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) to (d). No. Sir, Cold storage are being set up by various agencies, institutions including private entrepreneurs, public sector corporations and cooperative societies on the basis of the requirement of each agency, keeping in view the storable surplus.

There are two Cold Storages in Hassan for storage of potatoes, fruits etc. No. application for any additional capacity is pending with DMI. Licencing further capacity will be considered on merits as and when any application is received.

Drug License in States

1347. SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN:
SHRI TARA CHAND KHADELWAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to withdraw State Governments' power to issue licenses for manufacturing vaccines and certain other products;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the reaction of the State Government's thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS. (DR. CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (c). The subject matter pertains to the Ministry of Health. Therefore information will be collected and laid on the Table of the House.

MATS for Delhi

1348. SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to contact a foreign firm to build and operate rapid-based transit system for Delhi; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the foreign firm is likely to be